Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : If I am correct—and I am practically sure—the honourable member himself is the contractor for the second portion of this road. I think it would be preferable if he does not ask any further questions on the floor of this House regarding that portion of the road.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഞാൻ കൺട്രാക്ടർആയതുകൊണ്ട് ഇതരത്തിലാണെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*) : Sir, this is purely a personal matter ; and it has been sufficiently discussed in this House some time back.

President : It is unfortunate. Mr. Kattakayam, will you please pass on to the next question ? Does not the member himself feel delicate about this question ? I hope he does.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഈ രണ്ടു മൈൽ ദൂരം എനിക്ക് എപ്പോഴും സഞ്ചരിക്കേണ്ട ഒന്നാണ്.

President : There are two sections of the road, and the honourable member is himself personally interested in the second portion. I think it will be very very delicate for the honourable member to put questions about that section of the road. If he has anything to say, he can write to Government, and Government will do the needful.

Reopening the old pathway in front of the Taluk Office, Todupuzha.

6. ✻ **Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a pathway in front of the Todupuzha Taluk Cutcherry before ; and

(*b*) whether that pathway has been assigned by the authorities on registry in favour of any individual through the recommendation of some influential men ?

Mr. K. George : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Fire engine at Trivandrum.

7. ✻ **Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the tyre of the fire engine sent to extinguish the fire that broke out at Chengalchula on the 15th Kumbhom last was punctured on its way ;

(*b*) whether the Superintendent of the fire engines was telephoned to on the 19th instant in regard to the breaking out of fire near the Residency bungalow ;

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(*c*) whether delay was caused in taking the fire engine to the spot consequent on the engine being without a tyre and on account of the necessity to repair it after sending the Superintendent's car to get down the keeper of the store room key ;

(*d*) whether the Reserve Inspector has made any report to Government about this ; and

(*e*) the nature of the punishment meted out to the employees?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes, but when the fire engine staff was ready to start, another telephone message was received by the Superintendent cancelling the previous call.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*) above.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

Medicines in the Medical Department and their dispensing.

8. ✻ **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether many new discoveries have not been made in the Allopathic system of treatment ;

(*b*) whether in getting down medicines here any changes have been made in accordance with this ;

(*c*) whether medicines according to the old list only are being got down here even now ;

(*d*) whether many of the medicines so got down do become useless ;

(*e*) whether at present small children go to hospitals to get medicines ;

(*f*) whether in consequence the doctor is unable to understand the true state of affairs and whether the medicines thus administered do not prove ineffective ;

(*g*) whether the decrease in the number of patients attending hospitals and dispensaries is taken notice of seriously and questioned about by authorities concerned ; and

(*h*) whether attempts are at times made to show an increase in the number and whether in consequence medicines are wasted ?

Vaidya Sastra Kusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose:

(*a*) New discoveries are being made every day.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this does not arise.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes

(*f*) The doctor prescribes medicines only after diagnosing each case.

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